

**REMARKS**

A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added.

The text on page 33 of the English translation of the published International Application was replaced with the full abstract to correct a publication error made at the international stage. The International Application was published with a portion of a claim and the last sentence of the abstract on page 31. To correct this error, Applicants have replaced that page with the full text of the abstract.

Claims 1-15 have been canceled.

Claims 16-30 are newly submitted. Claims 16-30 incorporate the subject matter of Claims 1-15, but have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to address other minor grammatical and typographical matters.

No new matter has been added.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith to cite references from the PCT Search report. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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